

REMARKS

The Examiner has noted the use of "inclination angle" in claims 1 and 2. This has been amended to the better defined "slanted angle" as he inferred. Claim 1 now has an upper-limiting pan value that changes in response to "said slanted angle of said opening and said direction of said imaging unit". It should be noted that the "direction of said imaging unit" may include, for example, the tilt angle, θ_t , changes of which may result in changes in the upper-limiting pan value.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1 and 2, as being anticipated by "applicant's admitted prior art", hereinafter AAPA.

However, it is respectfully submitted that this is not the case. The AAPA simply teaches the geometry of the situation. For example, FIG. 14 shows the curve 200 which describes the geometry of the interaction of slant, tilt and pan. The shaded area is literally a shaded area where the camera would be looking at the inside of the housing or hitting it.

The AAPA does not teach using a controller to take advantage of the knowledge of this geometry to actually control the camera according to this relationship. In particular, the AAPA has no controller unit for changing the upper-limiting pan value in response to "said slanted angle of said opening and said direction of said imaging unit".

It is respectfully submitted that claims 1 and 2 are allowable over the cited references.

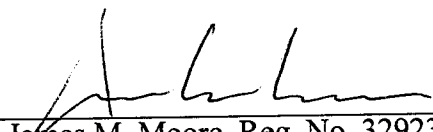
In view of this, it is believed that the Examiner's other rejections are now moot and will not be addressed further.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance and notification of same is requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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